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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directorate ADP Control Officers
NPIC ADP Control Officer
Chief, Procurement Division, OL
Chief, ADP&EB/PD/OL
Deputy Director for Applications, ODP
Deputy Director for Processing, ODP
Chief, Engineering Division, DD/P/ODP

STAT FROM :
Chief, Management Staff, ODP

SUBJECT : FIPS Waiver Authority

REFERENCE : My Memo, Same Subject, dtd. 16 March 1981,
(ODP-81-337)

1. We have been asking the Department of Commerce to delegate to the DCI or his designee authority to independently waive Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) without recourse to or coordination with Commerce. A recent letter from the DCI to the Secretary of Commerce on this subject and also the initial response by the Secretary of Commerce was attached to my referent memorandum.

2. Attached for your information is a subsequent letter, dated 6 April 1981, from the Secretary of Commerce to the DCI. Note that Commerce did not grant waiver authority to the Agency but is considering delegating to heads of agencies the authority to approve waivers. In the meantime, Commerce will send their representative to review on our premises required waiver documentation.

3. Also attached for your information is a memorandum dated 11 March 1981, entitled, "Summary of FIPS PUB Waiver Procedures." It was prepared by [redacted] of the ODP Management Staff. If there are any questions on the memorandum, please call [redacted]

Att: 1. Letter dtd. 6 April 1981
2. Memo dtd. 11 March 1981

cc: [redacted]

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